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The Honorable George J. Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Mitchell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18 June forwarding a letter from [redacted] concerning the treatment accorded to defectors.

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It is the practice of the United States Government not to comment on the handling of defectors; therefore, we cannot comment on the specific allegations made on the recent 60 Minutes program.

Over the years this country has acquired exceptionally valuable information of national defense interest from citizens of other countries who voluntarily have chosen to reveal it to the United States Government. The Government then endeavors to assist them as they prepare themselves to live in America by helping them achieve a maximum of independence and self-reliance in a minimum of time.

Please also assure [redacted] that this subject has been reviewed by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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